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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HERZOG, et al.

Application No. 09/973,389

Art Unit: 3634

Examiner: E. Harris

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For: STORAGE RACK SYSTEM AND  
LOCKING LATCH THEREFOR

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AND  
REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**I. Amendments To The Claims**

Please enter the following amendments. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached at Appendix A. A clean copy of the entire set of pending claims is attached at Appendix B.

Please amend the following claims:

b1 15. (Amended) A latch assembly useable for locking a beam member connected to a post with a headed lug, comprising:  
*SUB C1* a beam flange having first and second opposite sides, a first locking pin opening, and a second resilient art retention opening;

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